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SUBJECT: CENTRAL OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONS (OCIP)

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1. ON BASIS OF REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMING INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY CAN INQUIRE DIRECTLY TO THE OCIP FOR INFORMATION ON PRISONERS. AS WE ARE NOT IN RECEIPT OF THE OFFICE'S MAILING ADDRESS, WE HAVE BEEN ASKING THAT OCIP CORRESPONDENCE BE SENT CARE OF THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE OCIP'S MAILING ADDRESS. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO ASSESS PERFORMANCE OF OCIP ON THE BASIS OF ITS THREE MONTH EXISTENCE: INCLUDING PROGNOSIS FOR COOPERATION FROM OTHER URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; AND, WILL SUBMISSION OF EMBASSY'S INQUIRIES WITH OTHER OCIP EFFORTS SLOW OFFICIAL INFORMAL RESPONSES?

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3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRERS OF OCIP AND SUGGESTING THAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS MAKE USE OF THIS CHANNEL. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT REPLIES FROM OCIP MAY BE SUFFICIENTLY DELAYED TO GENERATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT, ESPECIALLY IF SHORT TERM "START-UP" PROBLEMS ARE ENCOUNTERED AS RFF A INDICATES MAY BE THE CASE. VANCE

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